

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 223

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Arthur Monroe "Art" Browder, Jr., of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Arthur Monroe "Art" Browder, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Art Browder was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on January 5, 1931, in Sumter, South Carolina, Mr. Browder moved to Grand Junction, Tennessee, with his parents, Arthur Monroe, Sr., and Norma Irwin Browder, as a young boy and graduated from Grand Junction High School in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Art Browder went on to receive his undergraduate degree in finance and his master's degree in education from the University of Memphis; he began his teaching career at Hardeman County schools as an elementary and high school teacher; and

WHEREAS, he went on to serve as assistant superintendent of schools and, ultimately, superintendent, beginning his tenure in this position in 1973 and serving until 1978, at which time he again assumed the role of assistant superintendent, from which position he retired; and

WHEREAS, in the mid- to late-1980s, Mr. Browder was a councilman of the City of Bolivar while concurrently serving as its police and fire commissioner; he was also a past chairman of the board for Merchants and Planters Bank, and he served his country bravely as a member of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Mr. Browder was an active member of Bolivar First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Art Browder was blessed with the love and companionship of his wife, Rosalyn Sammons Browder; the two were married on July 9, 1967, and enjoyed fifty-three years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Browder is survived by his wife; his daughter, Ellen (Mark) Fulghum; his grandchildren, Becca (Josh) Jeter and Ben Fulghum; his sister-in-law, Doris Browder; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Karl Warren, and a brother, Buford Irwin Browder; and

WHEREAS, Art Browder leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Arthur Monroe "Art" Browder, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Browder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.